

Statement of Common Ground

Canterbury City Council and Thanet District Council

1. Overview

- 1.1 This Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) reflects the agreed position between the parties.
- 1.2 The purpose of this SOCG is to set out the areas of agreement on key strategic matters and the basis on which the parties will continue to work together to meet the requirements of the Duty to Cooperate.
- 1.3 The geographical relationship between the parties, reflecting local authority boundaries, is represented at Figure 1.

Figure 1 CCC and TDC boundaries.



2.0 Key strategic matters

2.1 The NPPF defines the topics considered to be strategic matters. The strategic matters relevant to CCC and TDC are:

- **Housing** - housing market area, meeting housing needs;
- **Economy** - economic market area, meeting employment needs;
- **Infrastructure** - transport, education; and
- **Environment** - habitats regulations issues.

| Key Strategic Matters | Evidence | Process ¹ | Status |
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| <p>Housing The Canterbury SHMA identifies an HMA centred on Canterbury.</p> <p>The Thanet SHMA identifies a housing market area including parts of Dover and Canterbury.</p> <p>The most recently published housing figure for TDC currently stands at 1085 new homes a year (21,700 over the plan period to 2040). TDC is intending to meet its needs in full within its area.</p> <p>CCC is in the process of reviewing its housing requirement. The Local Housing Need figure is currently 1,120dpa. CCC is intending to meet its needs in full within its area.</p> <p>It is agreed that each party will seek to meet its own housing needs.</p> | | | |
| Housing Market Area | CCC SHMA (2018). TDC SHMA (2021) | Both parties are involved in the preparation of SHMAs and have noted the other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs. | Agreed April 2022 |
| Meeting Housing Needs | CCC SHMA (2018). Currently being reviewed. TDC SHMA | Both parties are involved in the preparation of SHMAs and have noted the | Agreed April 2022 |

¹ Further information on the governance processes can be found in section 3.

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| | (2021) Both parties annual Housing Information Audit | other parties' conclusions regarding HMAs. Both parties agree we will seek to meet housing needs within our own areas. | |
| <p>Economy</p> <p>The FEMA for Canterbury has been identified as including a small area of Thanet. The FEMA for Thanet has been identified as including some areas of Canterbury district.</p> <p>TDC has commissioned work to inform the level of employment that should be planned for through its Local Plan update and it is the Council's intention to identify sufficient land to fully meet that level of employment within Thanet district.</p> <p>CCC is intending to meet its employment needs in full within its area.</p> <p>It is agreed that each party will meet its own employment needs.</p> | | | |
| Economic Market Area: | CCC EDTS (October 2020) TDC "Economic Development in Thanet" 2018 Economic Need Discussion Paper 2021 | Both parties are involved in the preparation of Economic Assessments and have agreed with the other parties' conclusions regarding FEMAs. Both parties have agreed to prepare our Local Plans on the basis of separate FEMAs. | Agreed April 2022 |
| <p>Infrastructure</p> <p>The parties agree that strategic transport issues include the A28 corridor which is the key south-west / north-east strategic link for East Kent, connecting Ashford, Canterbury and Thanet. Parts of this corridor are already at capacity and will require upgrades to support growth and economic development.</p> | | | |

The parties **agree** that strategic education issues relate to the provision of secondary school education capacity in the Canterbury coastal area.

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| <p>Transport</p> | <p>CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>CCC Transport Strategy (2017)</p> <p>TDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2018) - will be reviewed as part of the Update process</p> <p>TDC/KCC Transport Strategy 2018 - will be reviewed as part of the Update process</p> <p>Transport for the South East Transport Strategy (2020)</p> <p>East Kent Growth Framework (2017)</p> | <p>The parties will continue to share information and engage on emerging transport modelling, working with KCC and others on evidence for our Local Plans, to determine respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary.</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Education</p> | <p>CCC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2019)</p> <p>TDC Infrastructure Delivery Plan (2018 - to be reviewed)</p> | <p>The parties will continue to share information and engage on education infrastructure requirements, working with KCC and others, on evidence for our Local Plans to determine</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| | KCC School Commissioning Plans | respective impacts and mitigation solutions where necessary. | |
| <p>Environment</p> <p>The parties agree that recreational impacts could have an adverse impact on the species for which the Thanet Coast SPA has been designated.</p> <p>Natural England has raised water quality concerns in relation to the Stodmarsh European Site. The parties are working together to understand the geography of this issue and whether it could be a key strategic matter for subsequent SoCG.</p> | | | |
| <p>Habitats Regulations Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA | <p>CCC's Thanet Coast and Sandwich Bay SPA Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Plan, and appendix (2014)</p> <p>CCC's Thanet Coast & Sandwich Bay SPA Visitor Survey (2014)</p> <p>TDC Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Plan 2016</p> <p>CCC & TDC - Thanet Coast & Sandwich Bay SPA bird and visitor surveys (January to February 2019)</p> <p>Bird Wise East Kent Management Plan 2020 – 2025</p> | <p>In developing the mitigation strategy, the parties have engaged and shared information, including with other parties.</p> <p>The two Councils now co-fund (from development contributions) and manage a SAMM project for the coastal areas, now known as Bird Wise East Kent.</p> | <p>Agreed April 2022</p> |

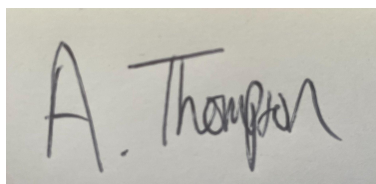
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| | Bird Wise East Kent Annual Report 2020 | | |
| - Stodmarsh European protected site | NE Advice Note (2020) | Work together through the PAS facilitated discussions, to understand whether there is an impact, the extent of any impacts and any mitigation that may be required to address this. | Ongoing |

3 Governance arrangements

- 3.1 This SOCG will be published and kept up-to-date by the parties as a record of where agreement has or has not been reached on strategic issues.
- 3.2 The parties will meet to discuss these issues via the East Kent Duty to Co-operate bi-monthly meetings and also via meetings between the two authorities, bringing in other parties where necessary. The SOCG will be updated as changes take place on these strategic issues or where new strategic issues arise.

4 Signatories/declaration

Signed on behalf of Canterbury City Council



Position:

Corporate Policy and Strategy Manager

Date: April 2022

Signed on behalf of Thanet District Council

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